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Recent Donation to Center

Tom Dryden shares with Nabb Center Director Rebecca Miller a family baby book, Baby's Kingdom, *kept from May 1891 to January 1896.*

Tom Dryden persuaded a relative to donate one of his family heirlooms to the Nabb Research Center dating from the 1890s. In September, Dryden presented *Baby's Kingdom*, a baby book kept by Susie Willey Selby for her son, John Alvan Selby. Entries from the book date from May 1891 to January 1896, shedding a valuable insight on family life in Snow Hill, MD during that period. The following are some excerpts from *Baby's Kingdom.*

1892 Events

May 28th, Papa, Mama and the little boy drove over to Salisbury, a distance of twenty miles and took the cars [railroad] for St. Michaels, Started from Snow Hill at 9 a.m. reached Grandma's at 6:30 p.m.

Oct 20th, Saw an eclipse of the sun through a piece of smoked glass, brought over for that purpose by Margie Staton.

Oct 21st, The great Columbian celebrations all over the United States. John A. witnesses a sham battle in which Smith Guards of Snow Hill distinguished themselves.

1893 Events

Aug 7th, at 10 o'clock p.m. the alarm of fire was heard and in a few hours between seventy and eighty buildings were swept away. Our house was in the general destruction.

A transcribed copy of *Baby's Kingdom* has been given to the Center, however, the original will be forthcoming.

New Staff Members

Nabb Research Center has acquired two new staff members this fall. T. Aaron Horner and Kathy McIntyre have joined the staff as graduate assistants from the History Department at SSU. They will be able to undertake new and necessary projects to benefit all patrons of the Center. Currently they are working with Pat Taylor reviewing and re-labeling the microfilm library creating a more user-friendly in-house catalog system.

Aaron is a graduate of SSU's Class of '96 with a B.A. in history, B.S. in geography and a minor in political science. Born and bred in Somerset County, MD, Aaron is very familiar with the lower shore and has done an extensive genealogy of his own family from Wenona and Deal Island

Kathy is also a former graduate (Class of '83), who returned to obtain a B.A. in history in '98. She is also an Eastern Shore native, raised in Dorchester County and got "hooked" on Delmarva history after taking one of Dr. Ray Thompson's classes.

Both graduate students are doing concentrations in Chesapeake Studies and are assigned to the Research Center for this academic year.

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Members in the News

Jean Mihalyka, member of the board for the Nabb Research Center, made Eastern Shore history when her organization, the Arlington Foundation, received an unprecedented gift of graveyard property! The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA) award includes a carved tomb unique for that time period on Delmarva. The article from *The Daily Times* (October 3, 1999) includes a picture of Jean, president of the Arlington Foundation, at the site of the Custis 1670 plantation home, Arlington, near Cheriton, VA. The Custis family, listed in *Genealogies of Virginia Families,* is one of the first families of Virginia. In addition to the graveyard containing the tombs of John Custis II (1628-1695) and John Custis IV (1678-1749), both members of the Governor's Council, the site yields evidence of a stockade for early settlers. The APVA also turned over artifacts that had been recovered from previous excavations of the site.

The Custis Family

The Custis family is linked to other prominent Virginia families. John Custis IV and his wife, Frances Parke, were the parents of Colonel Daniel Parke Custis. Daniel married Martha Dandridge and their issue was John Parke Custis. Martha who married secondly, General George Washington, first President of the United States, was the grandmother of George Washington Parke Custis (1781-1857). G.W.P. Custis' daughter, Mary Anne Randolph Custis, married General Robert E. Lee.

There are numerous stories about the quarreling between John Custis IV and his wife, Frances, and at times they only spoke to each other through servants. One story about the couple is that while Custis had taken his wife for a drive, he went into a creek. When she asked him where he was going, his reply was "To hell, Madam," to which she replied, "Drive on Mr. Custis, drive on." There is even an agreement between the two from 1714:

"2nd. That Frances shall henceforth for bear to call him ye sd John any Vile names or give him any ill language, neither shall he give her any but to live lovingly together and to behave themselves as a good husband and good wife ought to doe. And that she shall not intermeddle with his affairs but that all business properly belonging to the management of the wife shall be transacted by her."

[Taken from *Life As Revealed Through Early American Court Records* by E.T. Crowson]

Frances died of smallpox at age 29 and is buried in Williamsburg. John remained a widower for 35 years.

The Arlington Site

The site of Arlington is located a few hundred feet from the graveyard. Pavers mark the outlines of the home, 43 feet by 54 feet and three stories tall, large for even modern standards. What happened to the brick home remains a mystery. Although it was believed to have burned, archaeological work has not found evidence of such a fire and only a few bricks have been discovered. John Custis IV died in Williamsburg, at the home he had built there after the death of his wife. His tomb at Arlington is made of hand-carved marble, which was shipped from London and engraved with a coat of arms, folded drapes and cartouche. Arlington Foundation members hope to find the slave graveyard on the property and identify other possible grave sites of the Custis family.

Arlington Foundation

Jean and the Arlington Foundation are an example of what can be accomplished by a small, dedicated group wishing to preserve history. They won out over other state and local historical groups hoping to own Arlington. The site had been divided into house lots, but by luck had escaped development. Signs have been placed on the site with information on the tombs and the organization hopes to prepare an exhibition of the recently received artifacts.

Director's Dialog

The fall season has brought our student helpers, Lauren Callan, Lindsay Read and Steve Lee, back to us for another exciting year at the Nabb Research Center. We are very pleased to welcome two new graduate students to our staff, Kathy McIntyre and Aaron Horner. Both are history majors and local people who have a genuine interest in the activities of the Center. They're so capable, we are having them produce the newsletter, which we hope you enjoy. We also welcome Rebecca Francis to our staff as a part-time archivist. Rebecca has a M.L.S. from Indiana University and has recently moved to Salisbury from Laramie, WY, with her husband David. We are very lucky to have Rebecca join us.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our readers!

Rebecca Miller

Visitors to the Center

Dr. Ray Thompson, history department chair, helps Texas visitors Allen and Betty Johannes research Betty's family, the Poynters.

News is getting out regarding the valuable resources housed in the Nabb Research Center and is bringing people from all over the country. Two people visiting the Center in September were Allen and Betty Johannes from Texas. They were researching Betty's family, the Poynters, who had lived in Somerset County, MD. They found the Center thanks to Dr. Ray Thompson responding to their Internet query. He informed them that he had information on the Poynters and they were related to his Ennis family. Dr. Thompson concurs that they are cousins from about 300 years ago!

Betty and Allen started their genealogical research after attending her Streety Family Reunion. Betty decided to follow up on the story about her great-grandfather Streety being murdered in Bladen County, NC. After they proved this to be factual, Betty said, "We were off and running!" Since then, they have been able to trace Betty's family back to the 1700s. Alan hopes to research his family once they accomplish as much research as they can with Betty's family.

This is the Johannes third trip to the East Coast doing research. They started on September 5 traveling from their home in Meridian, TX, visiting friends and family in the southeast. Then they drove through Tennessee onto North Carolina, then through the mountains of Virginia and north to Westchester County, NY. From New York, they traveled to Salem County, NJ, researching an Argulus and Herilous Poynter who had lived there in the early 1700s. They were frustrated when they could not find anything on either one of them. Another disappointment for them was discovering records from All Hallow's Church in Snow Hill, MD, had been destroyed in a fire. They had hoped to find a family link from those Bible records. Betty's advice for anyone doing research is, "They can't do it in two or three days" and literally ". . . look under every stone—the least bit of information may be what they need."

On this trip even Purrfect, their cat, is doing his part and sends a newspaper report back home! Purrfect's report included their experiences in the family camper during Hurricane Floyd anchored in Coatesville, PA. After their visit to Maryland, they were heading to Winter Place Park, FL, to obtain information from a family Bible. They plan to return to Texas by early November. Even though they are officially retired, Betty as a schoolteacher for 40 years and Allen a Lutheran minister, Allen continues to serve a small congregation on a part-time basis.

Betty gives Allen a lot of credit for his help and brags about his skill as a photographer. They have both trekked fields and woods in search of tombstones that Allen photographed. They carry their "cemetery bag" with them which includes chalk, insect spray, metal probe and broom. It's a real delight when they find a name helpful to their research. Betty told the story of the time they dug out a buried tombstone. Often they find tombstones that have fallen over, but in this case it had been covered over with dirt.

The Johannes are planning to compile their research into a book, which Betty has scheduled herself to start in January. Betty's advice to anyone tracing his family roots is, "Don't just prove the genealogy, but learn the history—who they were and what was happening." She also commented that another benefit from their research trips is meeting such wonderful people. Likewise for the staff at the Research Center, when you're at the Center you get the chance to meet such wonderful people like the Johannes.

Recent Acquisitions

Virginia Gleanings in England: Abstracts of 17th and 18th- Century English Wills and Administrations Relating to Virginia and Virginians by Lothrop Withington

The Maryland Original Research Society of Baltimore edited by Albert Levin Richardson

Charles Parish: York County, Virginia, History and Registers by Landon C. Ball

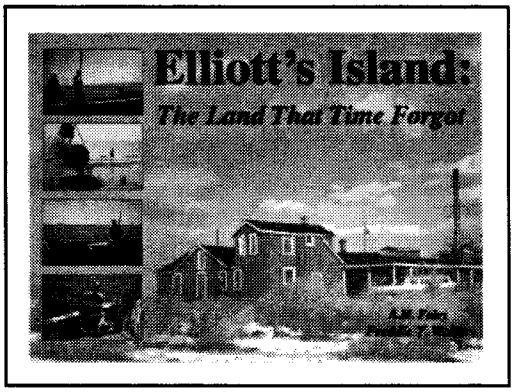
Marriages of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, 1628-1800 by Blanche Adams Chapman

A Census of Ireland, Circa 1659: With Supplementary Material from the Poll Money Ordinances (1600-1661) edited by Seamus Pender

Colonial Virginians and Their Maryland Relatives by Norma Tucker

Author Donates Publication

Ann M. Foley has graciously donated a copy of *Elliott's Island: The Land That Time Forgot*, a first-time-ever book about the Dorchester County community. Each book is only $24.95, with $2.75 for shipping. Maryland residents pay $1.25 sales tax per book. To order the book please contact Dogwood Ridge Books, P.O. Box 3152, Salisbury, MD 21801, or e-mail dogwdbooks@shorenet.net.



Forthcoming Book: *The Redden Family of Delmarva*

The Nabb Research Center received the following e-mail from Robert Redden, one of our members, announcing his upcoming publication.

"After 18 years of research, my book, *The Redden Family of Delmarva*, has been delivered to Gateway Press Inc. for printing. The book is about 450 pages. It will be hard cover on 60 lb., acid-free paper. The main text lists 1088 direct descendants of Stephen Redden, born c. 1745 in Somerset County. Counting spouses and step-children, 1805 fully documented persons are written up. There is a position paper, using tax records, court records and family lore, establishing a proposed connection among all the Reddens on the Eastern Shore in the 1700s. Based on this paper a descendancy chart for Peter Redden is included. This was compiled from the work of past and current Redden family researchers. It contains 1,020 direct descendants of Peter Redden. It also has 550 spouses of those descendants. Each name is provided with enough information to contact a researcher who has supporting evidence. The main text is fully indexed. Family names in the main text which have more than 15 persons include: Anderson, Anthony, Beam, Bowman, Davis, Deakyne, Donovan, Fowler, Howard, Johnson, Jones, Lord, MacDonald, Marvel, McNulty, Powell, Prettyman, Radcliff, Redden, Richardson, Rust, Smith, Spicer, Tharp, Wagner, Webb, Welch, Willey, Wilson, Woodward, and Yoder."

The books should be ready before the end of 1999. The cost will be $30 plus $4 postage. To contact Robert Redden, his mailing address is 17 Fremont Road, Newark, DE 19711, or e-mail at DelawBob@aol.com.

New Website! Check us out at:

http://fulton.ssu.edu/~rcdhac/welcome.htm

Fruitland's General Store

Dulany & Son's general store was established 1867 in Fruitland, MD, by Isaac H.A. Dulany. Ralph Olin Dulany in his book, *The Dulanys of Fruitland,* writes that the store housed the Fruitland Post Office in the latter part of the 19th-century. Dulany's father, John Hancock Dulany, managed the business and stocked items needed by area residents and in turn sold their wares to businesses in Philadelphia, Baltimore or New York. The family business expanded to include a lumber mill and crate factory, flour mill and later a cannery. Dulany Foods continued in Fruitland and was eventually purchased by Green Giant Company in 1967 that merged in 1975 into the Pillsbury Company.

Above is a copy of a Dulany & Sons paper sack, one of the material culture items from the upcoming new Guy Peck collection.

Manumissions Recorded in Worcester County Land Records

Deed of Manumission Sydney Atkinson from Levin Atkinson.

"Whereas my slave Sydney Atkinson has enlisted in the service of the United States, now in consideration thereof, I, Levin Atkinson of Worcester County State of Maryland, do hereby in consideration of said enlistment manumit, set free and release the above-named Sydney Atkinson from all service due me, his freedom to commence from the 23rd of Nov. 1863 the date of his enlistment as aforesaid in the ninth regiment of Colored Troops in the Service of the United States.

Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of March 1864 Levin Atkinson [seal]
Witness William T. Wilkerson, C.W.B. Marshall, William Quinn

Worcester County State of Maryland 1864 before me appeared this day Levin Atkinson and acknowledged the above Deed of Manumission and release of service to be his free act and deed.

William T. Wilkerson
Justice of the Peace

March the twenty second day Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and Sixty four then was delivered unto me the subscriber the aforegoing Deed of Manumission in order to be enrolled among the records of Worcester County which said Deed together with the acknowledgement thereof thereon endorsed is accordingly recorded among the same records in Liber GHR No. 1 folio 120.

Geo H. Richardson, Clk"

Levin Atkinson also freed two other slaves, Joseph and Caleb Atkinson, the same date. These manumissions are found among the land records of Worcester County, MD, and are difficult to find as only deeds of real property (land) are indexed. Copies of these manumissions are three of 94 which were photocopied and given to the Research Center by Joseph Moore Esq.

Any Connection to the Eastern Shore Powells?

By Iris Powell, staff member

"Hi, you're a Powell any connection to the Eastern Shore Powells?"

My response was, "No, oh no. My husband's family is from Poughkeepsie, New York. His family moved with IBM to Lexington, KY, in the '50s. The rest of this Powell family was located in Texas, where--I'm not sure. So, no connections here!"

Or so I thought.

I have been at the Nabb Research Center as a staff member since last September. Though my primary responsibility at the Center is the accessioning and cataloging of materials, it is also necessary to be prepared to assist patrons in their genealogical research. Thus, it has been a personal and professional goal to learn and use comfortably the valuable genealogy resources of the Center.

This past summer, Dr. Ray Thompson, chair of the Salisbury State University History Department, conducted a graduate class in primary sources' research. Each student was assigned an early settler for whom a history would be reconstructed using primary resources. In keeping with my goal to learn about the Nabb Center materials, it seemed like a good idea for me to follow along with this class and I asked Dr. Thompson for an assignment. Being a "Powell," researching one Gabrielle Powell made sense and so I began.

While researching primary source indexes one afternoon for Gabrielle, I pulled a blue bound genealogy of a Powell family and just for kicks, thought I would check the index for familiar family names. Down through the list to Powell, J. and wait, there in the page--John Burr Powell and John Burr Powell Jr., my husband's grandfather and father. My fingers moved excitedly back through the pages and generations. Wow! Who knew?

It seems the first generation of this Powell family began on this side of the Atlantic with a Walter Powell who, in 1669, came to Somerset County, MD, with his wife, Margaret and daughter, Elizabeth from Accomack County, VA and settled on the Pocomoke River near its head and owned among other tracts, Hillard's Discovery, Greenfield, Powell's Addition, and Winter Quarter. By chance of employment, my husband has returned to a home of very long ago, creating for us a special sense of place resurrected from this special place in time.

One of the Nabb Research Center patrons recently commented that his genealogical search, because of the personal connections that he had made, and the "serendipity of Grace" that had led him remarkably from one link of information to the next, has a certain spiritual quality to it. I think most quests for knowledge and truths offer that. In any case, there was that feeling of touching a spiritual relevance found in the past that I experienced as I walked my fingers back into those generations of my husband's family on the pages that day. Genealogy gives history a personal meaning that is unique and compelling. We seek to know more about these historical roots so that we can really know ourselves and in this search we become open to peoples and times and events we thought were long removed from our contemporary experience. We all have to do with from where we came. It was a surreal pleasure to discover that day that the Eastern Shore in 1669 was the good place from which my husband and my children and through them, my story in America begins. That is from the beginning. Who would have thought?!

From Corinne's Desk

One of the joys of my job as research assistant/receptionist is the meeting and greeting of all of the researchers who visit the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture. They have come from all over the United States during the past several months, including Alaska, at least half a dozen from California, the Carolinas, Florida, Ohio, Texas, Vermont and others in between.

The camaraderie engendered among these visitors and the staff is inspiring to all of us. Each of the visitors becomes a part of the Nabb Research Center family.

Come visit us, meet fellow researchers from across the country and help us to enlarge our extended family.

Secondary Sources are Guides to Primary Sources

By Pat Taylor

"Primary vs. Secondary Sources Deeds" by Rebecca F. Miller in the last issue of *ShoreLine* discussed the value of published secondary sources and the necessity of going to the primary source. Although secondary sources can be a helpful guide, they are authors' interpretations of primary documents, and some authors have been more accurate than others. Therefore, researchers need to refer to primary documents. Researchers walking into the Nabb Research Center may be a little intimidated by the wall of microfilm of primary documents. However, many secondary sources are available to help researchers find documents pertaining to their ancestors. These documents aid researchers not only in finding names and dates of ancestors but also in putting "meat" on their bones.

Some secondary sources compile materials from primary sources such as family histories, and others refer to specific primary documents such as indexes, abstracts and transcriptions. Clayton Torrence's *Old Somerset on the Eastern Shore of Maryland* is a compilation of material on the foundations and founders of Somerset. It is a "must" read for any researcher with family in the area before 1700. Pauline Batchelder's *A Somerset Sampler* picks up where Torrence stopped and traces some families to the 1770's. *Annuals and Memorials of the Handys and Their Kindred* originated in 1851 by Rev. Isaac W. K. Handy and finally published in 1992, traces the origins and history of the Handy family. These three compilations of material give references to primary sources.

The Prerogative Court records of Maryland have several indexes to primary documents. Gust Skordas's *The Early Settlers of Maryland* is an index to names of immigrants compiled from Records of Land Patents 1633-1680 in the Hall of Records in Annapolis. This is an excellent source for trying to find a date that a settler came into Maryland, but the references may be to the person as headright of later, such as the following for Stephen Horsey when he receives a warrant to take out the actual patent. A reference for Stephen Horsey in Maryland Patent Book 4:580 (film SR7346) which states in part:

> 27 ffebruary [sic] 1660 Warrent to lay out for Stephen Horsey Enters part of his rights Vixt himself, Sarah horsey his Wife, Stephen horsey, Junr, John Horsey, Samuel horsey Mary horsey, Abigall horsey, Michael Williams, Thomas Williams, Sarah Williams, John Roche, Benjamin Summer, and Thomas Whitfield and the rest he is to enter by the last of June next in all 13 persons.

A Supplement to the Early Settlers of Maryland by Carson Gibb, Ph.D., continues an effort to make a complete list of the men and women who founded Maryland and is based on original records whenever available, as well as transcripts. Peter Wilson Coldham's *Settlers of Maryland* is an index to land grants issued in Maryland and includes the name of settler, county, name of tract, acreage, date and references from 1679-1783.

Abstracts usually give references, names and important information. Ruth Dryden and V. L. Skinner Jr. have abstracted most of the wills for Worcester and Somerset Counties before 1850. Jane Baldwin's *Maryland Calendar of Wills* and Leon de Valinger Jr.'s *Calendar of Sussex County, Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800* abstract the early wills. James A. McAllister Jr. abstracted the Dorchester County, MD, land records from 1688-1860. Skinner has also abstracted inventories of the Prerogative Court in Maryland from 1674-1777. The original inventories list the personal property of the decedents and help put "meat" on the bones of ancestors. Although the inventories do not list real estate, the 1798 *Federal Direct Tax of Somerset, Maryland,* abstracted by Tom Reedy, will help the researcher to "picture" the home place of an ancestor. Congress levied the direct tax on real property to meet the pressing financial demands of national defense in 1798 because of a dispute with France. The tax assessors described and assessed land, commercial buildings, slaves and dwelling (size, number of stories and type of construction).

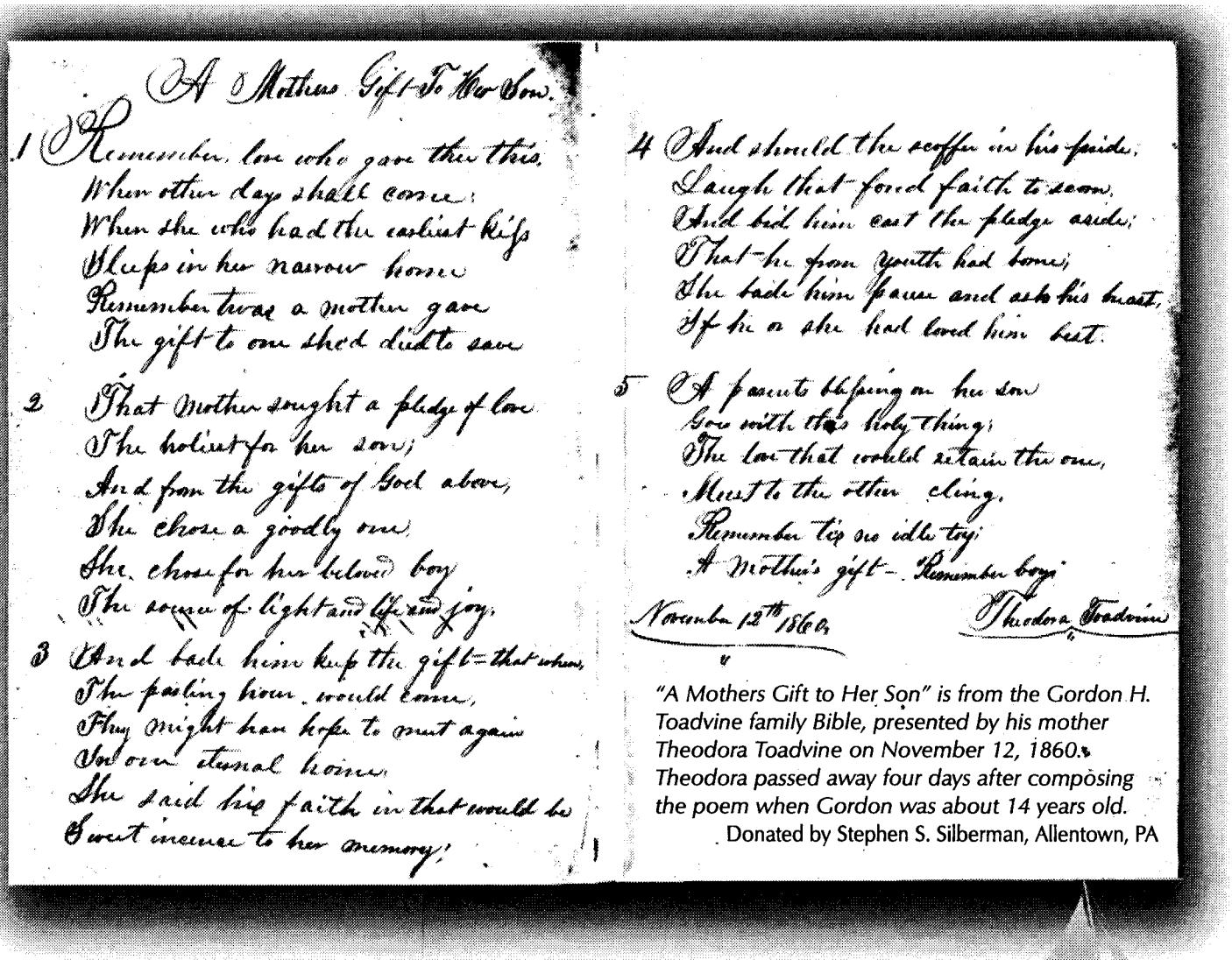
Transcriptions of early records are especially appreciated because some of these records are very diffcult to read. Frank Walczyk's *Nothampton County VA Orders, Deeds, & Wills 1651-1654, Book IV* reads,

> I Robert Burwell do (appear cur) acknowledge that (by wrong information and unadvised rash speeches, I have scandalized and injured, Cr. George Hacke profession of physician in relation to the physic administered by the said Dr. Hacke unto the wife of Mr. John James for which offense injury and defamation I do confess my contristion and hope that he will accept my ready and voluntary submission where unto is subscribed.
>
> Robert Burwell

Atwood S. Barwick has transcribed Somerset County judicial records from 1670-1684. The court records for September 1670 on page 24 reads,

> Know all men by these presents that I Anne Dashiell of the County of Sommersett Spinster have constituted appointed and given full poer and commission unto my Loving frind George Johnson of the Dounty aforesaid to be my Lawful Attorney for me & in my behalfe to repayre to the Court helld in the aforesaid County of Sommersett and there to make and acknowledgement of five hundred acres of Land Lyeing on the South Side of Wiccicimoco river in Somersett County aforesaid being the moiety of a parcell of Land Called the Dispence and for me and in my name to acknowledge A Deed of Sale of allienacon for y Land aforesaid unto Thomas Roe of the same County aforesaid his heires executors: administrs or assignes for ever, ratiefieing & allowing Irrevocable which my said attorney Shall doe in the premisses witnes my hand & Seale this third day of november 1670
>
> Anne Dashiell (seale)

Secondary sources are time-savers and aids, but they are not a substitute for primary sources.



A Mothers Gift To Her Son.

1 Remember, love who gave thee this,
When other days shall come;
When she who had the earliest kiss
Sleeps in her narrow home
Remember twas a mother gave
The gift to one she did'nt save

2 That mother sought a pledge of love
The holiest for her son;
And from the gifts of God above,
She chose a goodly one.
She chose for her beloved boy
The source of light and life and joy.

3 And bade him keep the gift—that when
The parting hour would come,
They might have hope to meet again
In our eternal home.
She said his faith in that would be
Sweet incense to her memory.

4 And should the scoffer in his pride,
Laugh that fond faith to scorn,
And bid him cast the pledge aside;
That he from youth had borne,
She bade him pause and ask his heart,
If he or she had loved him best.

5 A parent blessing on her son
Goes with this Holy thing;
The love that would retain the one,
Must to the other cling.
Remember tis no idle toy;
A Mother's gift—Remember boy.

November 12th 1860. Theodora Toadvine

"A Mothers Gift to Her Son" is from the Gordon H. Toadvine family Bible, presented by his mother Theodora Toadvine on November 12, 1860. Theodora passed away four days after composing the poem when Gordon was about 14 years old.

Donated by Stephen S. Silberman, Allentown, PA

The Rosie Parks

(Written by Gloria Waters Horner for publication in the Deal Island Chance Lions Club Labor Day Skipjack Races brochure.)

The *Rosie Parks* was one of the most well-known skipjacks. Captain Orville Parks was a well-known and respected man on the Chesapeake Bay. He and the *Rosie Parks* were one of several captains and skipjacks featured in the December 1967 *National Geographic*. When Captain Orville retired, the *Rosie Parks* went to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels. Today, she is the Maryland State Boat, used for educational purposes at the museum.

The *Rosie Parks* was built in 1955 for Captain Orville Parks by his brother Bronza Parks in Wingate, MD. Bronza Parks was a well-known boat builder in the area from a family with a long tradition of working on the water. He built several other skipjacks, including the *Martha Lewis* and *Wilma Lee*.

The *Rosie Parks* is 46'2" long, 16'7" wide with a 3'3" draft. The combined design, construction and captain made the *Rosie Parks* a formidable work and race boat. So sure of his ability to harvest oysters using the *Rosie Parks* only under sail, Captain Orville is quoted in the *National Geographic* as being opposed to power sailing for fear of depleting the oyster beds.

Captain Orville, at the helm of the *Rosie Parks*, was a frequent winner of sail races around the Chesapeake Bay. Captain Orville, at the helm of the *Rosie Parks*, won in 1960, 1962, 1967 and 1969. So frequent were his wins at the Deal Island Chance Lions Club Labor Day Skipjack Races that a special category was created for previous winners, both in an effort to give others a chance and to have the best "go head-to-head."

Captain Orville has gone on. No longer does the *Rosie Parks* race the waters of the Bay. Without Captain Orville, that's the way it should be. However, the *Rosie Parks* remains as the living heritage and ambassador of a unique tradition born in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

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